(ग) एफ आई सी सी की कार्यप्रणाली और संगठनात्मक ढांचा, प्रतिधारण मूल्य एवं वित्तीय सहायता योजना की प्रशासनिक पद्धति से संबंधित सभी पहलू प्रस्तावित अध्ययन में शामिल होंगे।

(घ) इस समय उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति में राज्यीय उर्वरक उद्योग का कोई भी प्रतिनिधि नहीं है।

**Shortage of fertilisers in Haryana and Punjab**

1272. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was acute shortage of DAP and Urea kind of fertilizers in the last sowing season in Haryana and Punjab and the farmers in these states could not get these two kinds of fertilisers at the time of initial watering and sowing of their crops;

(b) whether it is also a fact that yield of crops has been decreased on account of this shortage; and

(c) what precautions Government propose to take to check such shortages in the light of the experience/facts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The overall availability of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Urea in the States of Haryana and Punjab during the current Rabi season has been comfortable. There was some constraint in the availability of Di-Ammonium Phosphate in some pockets of Punjab in the first fortnight of November 1993, which was overcome by moving Di-Ammonium Phosphate on top priority to the State. The requirement of phosphate for basal dressing was also met by the use of Single Super Phosphate (SSP).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government keeps a close watch on the availability of fertilisers.

**Gas related joint ventures with foreign companies**

1273. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage Indian companies to set up joint ventures in countries which have sizeable reserves of gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by the Government for setting up fertilizer plants in Oman and Iran. Some of the fertilizer companies in public/co-operative/private sectors have evinced interest in setting up joint venture fertilizer projects in other countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Brunei.

**कोयले पर आधारित उर्वरक संयंत्र**

1274. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोयले पर आधारित उर्वरक संयंत्र सफल नहीं रहे हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन संयंत्रों पर कुल कितनी राशि निवेश कर रखी है,

(ग) कोयले पर आधारित संयंत्रों के सफल न होने के क्या कारण हैं,

(घ) वर्ष 1974 में कोरबा संयंत्र के लिये मंजूर राशि का उपयोग न किये जाने हेतु निर्णय वर्ष 1990 में लिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं, और

(ङ) सोलह वर्ष तक उक्त राशि का उपयोग न किये जाने के क्या कारण है ?

**रसायन एवं उर्वरक** मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री एडुवर्डो फलरो**) : (क) से (ग) फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया लि० (एफ सी आई) के स्वामित्व में रामागुण्डम और तालचर संयंत्र, ही देश में कोयले पर आधारित मात्र दो उर्वरक संयंत्र हैं। 31-3-1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार, इन संयंत्रों में पूंजी निवेश 500.15 करोड़ रूपए था। कोयले में राख की उच्च मात्रा, उपस्कर/डिजाइन

कमियों, बारम्बार उपस्कर खराबी आदि के फलस्वरूप अल्प क्षमता उपयोगिता के कारण ये संयंत्र सफल नहीं हुए हैं। दीर्घावधिक पॉवर कटौतियों/पावर पाबंदियों ने भी इन संयंत्रों के निष्पादन को प्रभावित किया।

(घ) और (ङ) रामागुण्डम तथा तालचर संयंत्रों का संतोषजनक निष्पादन स्थापित होने तक कोरबा संयंत्र का कार्यान्वियन आस्थगित रखा गया था। कोयले पर आधारित दो संयंत्रों के घटिया निष्पादन को ध्यान में रखते हुए, कोरबा परियोजना को अन्ततः बन्द करने का निर्णय फरवरी, 1990 में लिया गया था।

**Fixing of retention price of drugs**

1275 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any funds have been used for any of the purposes after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government still have the power to fix retention price alongwith common sale price/pooled priced for any of the drugs if so, the details of the drugs for which such prices have been fixed under the DPCO, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) After the promulgation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, (DPCO) an amount of Rs. 497.77 lakhs has been used for the payment to the manufacturers as per provisions of Para 17(2)(a) of DPCO, 1979 and Para 14(2) of the said order. Further an amount of Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been paid out of the Drug Prices Equalisation Account fund for the Study related to Pharmaceutical industry.

(b) There is no such concept in DPCO, 1987.

**Affairs of Bengal Immunity, M/s Bengal Chemicals and M/s Smith Stanistreet**

1276. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what concrete achievements have been made in nationalising M/s Bengal Immunity Ltd. M/s Bengal Chemicals and M/s Smith Stanistreet;

(b) what are the details of money pumped in by Government after nationalisation and what have been the losses each year;

(c) whether it is a fact that products being produced by them are also produced by a number of other companies, if so, the names of such products as well as of other companies; and

(d) the reasons for which Government are wasting its resources on these companies when there are no hopes of their revival as per lates indication ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The erstwhile Bengal Immunity Company Ltd., Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Works and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. were nationalised in public interest in accordance with the objectives set-forth in the respective Nationalisation Act.

(b) The information as on 31-3-93 is given in the Annexure enclosed. [*See* Appendix/170 Annexure No. 26.]

(c) Yes, Sir. These companies are producing mainly pharmaceutical formulations for which there are several other manufacturers.

(d) In compliance with the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, these sick companies have been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The revival or otherwise of these companies will depend upon the orders of the BIFR.

**Writ petitions filed by drug companies**

1277. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several drug companies have filed writ petitions in various courts in the matter of recovery into the DPEA;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies, when each of them filed a Writ Petition, what is the present position in each case and what steps Government have taken to expedite decision ;